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## Connecticut State Police Recipient of "Project Smile"

On Wednesday, August 04, 2004 at 1:00 pm hundreds of stuffed animals will be delivered to State Police Headquarters in Middletown. The State Police are the most recent recipient of donated toys to be carried in patrol cars for distribution to small children during tragic events.

The stuffed animals are being donated by a Massachusetts organization called "*Project Smile Incorporated*". This non profit organization has collected thousands of stuffed animals that have been distributed to State and local police departments across New England.

Small Children are often traumatized to a greater extent than adults after being involved in a tragic event. Connecticut State Troopers will carry these toys in their patrol cars and distribute them to children that have been traumatized by accidents, crimes, coping with family loss or sometimes as a simple gesture of friendship to build bonds with the community.

Members of "Project Smile" will deliver these toys for a formal presentation to the Connecticut State Police Headquarters located at 1111 Country Club Road in Middletown, Ct. at 1:00 pm.

**ALL MEDIA IS WELCOME.**

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